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✓ CALIFORNIA

Calaveras

Mokelumne Hill

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MONUMENT

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I.O.O.F. Building

REPRESENTED IN
NEGATIVE FILE

H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.

CAL-1281

History - Built by Adams and Co.
Express, 1854, as a 2 story bldg.PUBLISHED
PHOTOGRAPHSLater, IOOF used 2nd floor for meeting hall.
Lodge began 3rd story Apr. 20, 1860, dedicated
it in Apr. 1861. Bldg. painted with cement,PUBLISHED
DRAWINGSand zinc roof added 1862. Desks in hall today
were purchased in 1862. Wells, Fargo & Co.
Express among tenants on first floor in 1860s
Considered for restoration by private group
1960.Description - Originally two-stories. Older
pictures show facade features dating
from 1861 when third story was added.
Over-hanging balconies on 2nd & 3rd floor

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(Descrip. con't)-

with turned spindles on wooden balustrades; 5 slender colonnettes appear to be cast iron that support balconies; 6 massive square stone piers support front wall of bldg. flattened stone arches of door-way lintels; 5 iron shuttered doors as street entrance; 4 iron doors opening on ea. balcony, protect French casement windows; plain pedimented entablature above 3rd story, with rounded crest at each corner. Much of facade decoration gone. To be restored in present Mokelumne Hill restorations. Bldg. material "light brown rhyolite tuff", of "beautifully tooled" blocks.

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